

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0024] of the specification with the following amended paragraph [0024]:

[0024] FIG. 1 is a diagram that illustrates hierarchically-organized data. In FIG. 1, root 102 is the root node; container 104, container 106, and container 110; ~~and container 116~~ are container nodes; and file 108, file 112, file 114, file 116, and empty container 104 are leaf nodes. Container 104 is illustrated as an empty container node, e.g., a folder containing no files, and is, therefore, considered a leaf node. FIG. 1 is a simplified representation of a set of hierarchically-structured data, because the structure of XML data that is stored in an XML repository (see XDB 304 of FIG. 3) within a database management system (see DBMS 302 of FIG. 3) is typically much more complex.